

PEACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
CONFIRMATION
HANDBOOK

2017-2018
FOR
ROUTE 56, ROUTE 78
& ADVENTURE 910

**Confirmation Tentative Schedule
Route 56, Route 78, Adventure 910**

Month	Day	
October	4	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910 Opening Project 7:15
	11	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	18	Rt.56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt.78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	25	NO CLASSES.NO DINNER.NO WORSHIP (FALL BREAK)
November	1	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	8	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	15	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	19 SU	Confirmation Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
	22	NO CLASSES.NO DINNER.NO WORSHIP (THANKSGIVING BREAK)
	29	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
December	6	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	13	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	20	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	27	NO CLASSES.NO DINNER.NO WORSHIP (CHRISTMAS BREAK)
January	3	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	10	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	17	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; (No Adventure 910 - Finals Week 1/16-19)
	24	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	31	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15

February	7	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	14	Ash Wednesday
	21	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	28	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
March	7	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	14	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	21	SPRING BREAK
	28	NO CLASS (HOLY WEEK)
	29	Maundy Thursday Worship
	30	Good Friday Worship
April	1	Easter Worship
	4	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
	11	Rt 56 @ 4:30-5:15; Rt 78 @ 7:00-8:15; Adventure 910, 7:15-8:15
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Peace Lutheran Church

Confirmation Program

We are on a journey of faith. This journey involves knowing God, knowing God's love for the world, and sharing that love with others.

In the Peace Confirmation program, youth will explore the love of God as they affirm their baptismal promises. We will teach from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Luther's Catechism. This teaching will be integrated by learning through serving, building relationships with others in small groups and mentoring partnerships, listening to speakers, participating in worship, making art, and even doing some collaborative games and projects.

In order to facilitate learning, students are expected to attend unless they are ill or have a family emergency.

Confirmation at Peace involves teaching across a variety of grade levels:

Route 56 - 5th & 6th graders meet with Pastor Doug from 4:30 to 5:15 pm on Wednesdays, (October through April - see schedule)

Route 78 - 7th & 8th graders meet with Pastoral Intern Tom from 7:00 to 8:15 on Wednesdays (October through April - see schedule)

Adventure 910 - 9th & 10th graders will meet with Pastor Karen and/or Pastor Doug from 7:15-8:00 on Wednesdays.

Peace Core is our post confirmation high school group. Peace Core meets on some of the Wednesdays following Adventure 910. This group of high school students plans service events, mission trip possibilities, and has great discussion on a long list of intriguing topics. Our new Pastoral Intern, Tom Kreis is coordinating this group. Join us!

The cost associated with our confirmation groups is \$50/academic year which averages out to be approximately \$2.25/session. The reason for the cost is two fold: 1.) we need to cover expenses; and 2.) we find that when people pay to do something they value the experience in greater ways.

Overview of Academics

Route 56

This part of the confirmation program focuses on The Lord's Prayer, The 10 Commandments and the Apostle's Creed. Understanding the needs of intermediate school students, this group learns in active formats to make the best use of the time we share on Wednesdays. We borrow from many of the wonderful curriculum resources provided by Augsburg Fortress and other resources.

Please dress for some time outside either related to games or going on a field trip to visit & interview some of our elderly local residents.

We will be meeting in the Friendship Room from 4:30-5:15 each week of the schedule.

Route 78

This part of the confirmation program focuses on Scripture. We spend time on Old Testament and New Testament stories that help us better understand Jesus. We use the "Here We Stand" curriculum from Augsburg Fortress for this section.

We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00.

Adventure 910

This part of our confirmation program focuses on integrating Scripture and Catechetical information with each individual's faith journey. We discuss various topics related to the contemporary world in light of how God has promised to be present in the world.

9th graders spend the full year on integration projects and conversations. We will meet in the Friendship Room from 7:15 - 8:00 on Wednesday nights as scheduled. Although some projects will have assigned homework—it will not be anything that requires much additional time.

10th graders spend the first couple of months finalizing their preparation for the service of confirmation when they affirm the baptism relationship God has begun with them. This will include the final project (details given on 10/4) as well as a conversation with one of our pastoral team related to faith development and readiness for affirming their faith.

Service Hours Requirement

Service Hours - each student is expected to do 10 individual hours of service and report on them prior to the end of the academic year. See report form which is included in the booklet. In addition, we will do some service projects as a large group. Although those projects may count for school needs, they are not part of the 10 individual hours for confirmation. Things to do for individual service hours include anything where you are doing something to benefit others without gain for yourself: shoveling snow for a neighbor, baking cookies for an event, babysitting for free, ringing hand bells, etc., etc.

Worship Notes

Worship Notes - each student is expected to do 12 worship notes per year. Blank notes are available by the mailboxes in a file tower. Completed notes can be returned to that tower in the appropriate box. All sermon notes are recorded by staff on a database and read by a pastor/intern.

Worship Leadership Assignments

Worship Leadership - Students are expected to acolyte at least 2x during the year unless they prefer to be worship leaders as lectors, altar care helpers, or ushers. Please sign up on the sign up sheet if you want to do something other than acolyting and/or if you have date preferences for when you would like to serve. Sign up sheets will be posted until the end of September. At that time, anyone who hasn't signed up will be assigned dates that are open. If you are unable to serve on a date because of illness or family emergency, please call the church office and let Jan Rutkowski know prior to Friday if possible...but in case of illness...leave a message.

Acolyting - this is one of the opportunities for students to learn about worship leadership. All students are expected to participate in acolyting unless they sign up to do lectoring, ushering or help with the altar care set up.

Lectoring - this is reading the scriptures for the day during worship. Students are welcome to learn about worship leadership in this way.

Altar Care Helper - every week we need people to prepare and set-up the elements for Holy Communion as well as wash the cups and clean up the paten and chalice after. This is another background type of learning about worship leadership.

Ushering - students who like to mingle and chat with people might really enjoy learning to usher. This is arriving at worship early to hand out bulletins, help people find seats, prepare for baptisms, collect offering, etc. It is an active part of worship leadership.

Youth Led Worship Service

All youth in Route 78 and Adventure 910 will help out by leading a worship service. For this year, our tentative date is Sunday, January 28 at 9:00 AM.

Retreat

Over the past couple of years we have done an overnight retreat with optional participation. Prior to that, we did some day long retreats. We are doing a survey this year (see "Retreat Survey") to identify interest in such an event. Retreats can be a valuable tool in fostering deeper relationships with church peers and enriching a more meaningful relationship with God. We have several options and would really like both student and parent input. We will share the results within the next few weeks.

Service of Confirmation & Rehearsal for 2017

The 10th graders will be confirmed at a service of Confirmation "Affirmation of Baptism" Rite on Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. The rehearsal for this event will take place on Wednesday, November 8 at our normal meeting time. This is inclusive of 9th and 10th graders. The 9th graders will have an important role in the service of confirmation this year.

Closures due to Weather Events

We follow the school for weather closures. If Waunakee Public Schools are closed, all activities for that day are canceled at the church as well.

Occasionally, the school is open during the day but the weather gets bad as the day progresses. In those cases, we will email, post on FaceBook and our website about any cancellations and closures.

Lent & Holy Week

The Passion Narrative and the drama of worship that leads us to Easter is the heart of the story of Christianity. We expect students to attend Ash Wednesday Worship, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday in preparation for Easter (which we also strongly encourage participation).

Retreat Survey for Students

Retreats have been wonderful events that allow students to form deeper relationships with their peers at church as well as go deeper in faith.

In order to understand what kind of experience might interest you, we would like your input:

Please circle a response to the following statements:

1. I would like to participate in an overnight confirmation retreat at a camp like we have done in the past couple of years.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. I would like a retreat that used the Fall Break from school—i.e. October 25-27 (Wednesday after school through Friday) to go somewhere and do a servant event like a mini Mission Trip. Example: Going to Minneapolis and serving at the Sharing & Caring Hands Shelter.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. I would like to participate in a one day long confirmation retreat (like a Saturday from 10-10 or a Sunday from 9-7) which would include some hiking, maybe a trip to the open air pottery studio at Bethel Horizons, snow events, ropes course, etc.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. I would prefer a retreat that is also combined with a ski trip for a day or two.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

5. I would prefer a retreat that also includes some sort of service event.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

6. I would be interested in exploring the option of a Family Style alternative Service/Mission Trip to Houston or FL during Spring Break. (Parents and students)

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. I am already too busy and I would not like to participate in any kind of retreat.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

Retreat Survey for Parents

Retreats have been wonderful events that allow students to form deeper relationships with their peers at church as well as strengthen faith.

In the past, we have done retreats in a number of ways...some with success, others marginally so. We are looking for parent input as we determine the value of such an experience for your student.

Please circle a response to the following statements:

1. I would like my child to participate in an overnight confirmation retreat at a camp like we have done in the past couple of years.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. I would like my child to participate in a retreat that used the Fall Break from school—i.e. October 25-27 (Wednesday after school through Friday) to go somewhere and do a servant event like a mini Mission Trip. Example: Going to Minneapolis and serving at the Sharing & Caring Hands Shelter, etc. and/or go to a camp where outdoor activities can be done—ropes courses, nature events, etc.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. I would like my child to participate in a one day long confirmation retreat (like a Saturday from 10-10 or a Sunday from 9-7) which would include some hiking, maybe a trip to the open air pottery studio at Bethel Horizons, snow events, ropes course, etc.

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6. I would be interested in exploring the option of a Family Style alternative Service/Mission Trip to Houston or FL during Spring Break. (Parents and students)

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. Our family is already too busy and I would not like our child to participate in any kind of retreat.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree